

## Honors Program in Progress

By SARAH SMITH  
Staff Writer

As rising generations of college-bound students evaluate their potential universities, they look for programs that will support their interest in building strong, distinctive foundations.

"High school students are looking for innovative college and university programs that are distinctive," said Richard Finkelstein, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

An effort to meet these applicants' changing needs has prompted the formation of a committee to create an honors program at UMW. Finkelstein is head of the 12-person group as it develops its proposal.

"It is a means to draw students' attention to the quality and distinctiveness we already have," Finkelstein said. "It would increase our selectivity without making us elitist if we fashion the right kind of program."

He envisions a program that would incorporate additional interdisciplinary work, offering courses that provide multifaceted approaches to topics. Students would be able to study the historical, literary and scientific implications of a single subject area in one course.

"My hope is that this program will attract some students to UMW who might not otherwise come, and that it will foster creative teaching and learning for all faculty and all students, not just honors students," said David Rettinger, associate professor of psychology and committee member.

For Finkelstein, the program's development is not a particularly substantial departure from the school's existing philosophy.

"One thing we also strongly believe is that it should reflect the school's history, character and values," he said. "It will be an enhanced version of what we

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## Study Abroad Programs Attract More Students

By SARAH SMITH  
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"There are not many times in one's life a person can drop everything for the opportunity to travel to other countries, explore a variety of cultures and immerse oneself in the unknown," senior Megan Kent said.

A university study abroad program is one of the few opportunities to make such a change. Kent spent the spring semester of her junior year overseas with Mary Washington's largest study abroad, the Universidad de Deusto program in Bilbao, Spain.

"Last spring we had a record number of students go abroad," said Leslie Leahy, assistant director of international academic services.

This was a surprising increase considering the recent recession, according to Leahy.

Currently, the university has 40 students studying overseas, Leahy said, and saw 83 more



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Salad Creations is the first restaurant to open in Eagle Village.

## New Restaurant Offers Healthy Alternative to Nearby Fast Food

By KAITLIN MAYHEW  
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Salad Creations, the first restaurant in Eagle Village, opened last Thursday. According to the store manager, Sharon King, the restaurant serves about 200 customers every day.

Students are usually there in the evening, King said.

Senior Bethany Farrell said she is very excited to have the first restaurant open, since she lives in Eagle Village.

"It's easier to get food when I'm on the go," Farrell said. "It's great to have something nearby that isn't McDonalds."

King believes that Salad Creations will provide the healthy option that customers in the area want.

"People have been waiting a long time for something like this to come in," King said. "We have a huge variety."

An average meal at Salad Creations costs about \$10.

Farrell said that she plans to eat there often, despite the cost. Some items, such as the salads themselves, are expensive but worth it, she said.

"The frozen yogurt is inexpensive," she said. "The salads are kind of pricey when you can get something similar at the Nest."

King said she hasn't heard any complaints about the prices, and that the quality makes the price worthwhile.

"The biggest thing is that everything we have is extremely fresh," King said.

Students currently get a 10 percent discount at Salad Creations, and King is planning a UMW Night where students will get an extra 5 percent off.

"We are trying to do a lot with [UMW]," King said.

Soon students will be able to use EagleOne to pay for meals. King said that she is open to the idea of accepting meal plans and Flex dollars.

## Suspect Apprehended in Giant Purse Snatching

By ANNE ELDER  
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Five days after the mother of a UMW senior was robbed at the Giant in Eagle Village, a suspect was found and arrested in Arlington by members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force.

David Lyons, 50, was arrested on Sept. 30 in connection with the grocery store purse snatching that occurred Saturday, Sept. 25, according to Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

The suspect's vehicle, a gold Cadillac sedan, was located in front of an apartment complex in Arlington, Bledsoe said. The vehicle is registered to a female who recently moved into the complex.

Lyons answered the door and surrendered to officials without incident, according to Bledsoe. Detectives Doug Perkins and Tim Garrett then

carried out a search warrant and collected evidence at the residence.

Bledsoe said Lyons has been charged with one count of felony robbery and is currently incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail. He could not be reached for comment.

The robbery took place in the early afternoon of Sept. 25. The mother of Taylor Parker, a senior at UMW, was visiting for Family Weekend when she was attacked while entering Giant, the store in Eagle Village. The suspect fled the scene with the victim's purse.

A Giant employee who witnessed the attack was able to follow the suspect out to the parking lot and give a description of the vehicle and its license plate number, to the Fredericksburg police.

There is no evidence connecting Lyons to any other crimes in Fredericksburg, according to Bledsoe.

## Hurley Defends Possible UMW Tuition Increases

By HEATHER BRADY  
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President Rick Hurley approached members of UMW's Student Senate in a forum where he defended the planned tuition hike, addressing many students' objections.

He opened his speech with the statement that no decision has been made yet regarding tuition.

"This is a conversation about what could and might happen," he said.

There are two possible scenarios that could occur, he said. The first scenario would raise tuition by \$1,206 per year. The second would raise it by \$2,464 per year.

Hurley said that as UMW

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President Rick Hurley at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

## Admissions Seeks Well-Rounded Students, Despite Lower GPAs

By FRANCES WOMBLE  
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For prospective University of Mary Washington students, acceptance letters may be easier to obtain than in years past.

The September Board of Visitors meeting agenda indicated that this year's freshman class had an average high school GPA, an average SAT score and an average ACT score that are lower than previous freshman classes.

Between the entering classes of fall 2009 and fall 2010, the mean high school GPA of accepted students fell slightly from 3.59 to 3.57, according to the agenda.

The agenda also said the SAT critical reading scores dropped from 592 to 587, the SAT math scores dropped from 572 to 565, and the SAT writing scores dropped from 581 to 573.

However, despite the slight decline in the accepted students' GPAs and SAT scores, the mean ACT composite scores remained the same, at 25.3, according to the statistics in the agenda.

"I assumed average scores

had fallen when I heard how many more students UMW was admitting," junior Cole Eskridge said. "It frustrates me, because I feel that taking that action goes against the university's goal to increase its academic reputation. However, the decision does allow for more money to be brought in to the school."

Although current students might foresee a problem in lowering admissions statistics, the administration feels differently

and describes the variance in admissions statistics as fluctuation.

President Rick Hurley describes the admissions process as holistic, in that the Office of Admissions does not use a rigid formula for admitting students, nor do they base decisions solely on test scores or grade point averages.

"We enroll students with a wide range of test scores, and

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Students explore learning possibilities at the Study Abroad Fair during Family Weekend.

go abroad this past spring.

Though UMW consistently sees more students study abroad during the academic year than in the summer, Leahy said she has seen more students choosing to "double dip" by doing both short-term faculty-led programs and semester-long programs.

In 2009, Mary Washington sent 276 students abroad to study, up 62 percent in the past five years, showing that more students are willing and able to take on the challenge of learning in a foreign country.

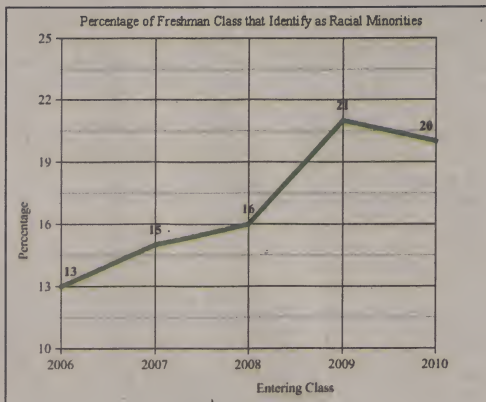
"I think it takes a certain personality to study abroad... you

have to be a bit daring, spontaneous and open-minded," Kent said. "You have to be open to new experiences, cultures and places. If you are, it will change your life and help you to learn a lot about yourself."

Faculty-led programs and clubs that travel overseas are also ways the students can explore new cultural experiences without participating in semester-long programs.

From Honduras and Italy to South Africa and England, 12 faculty-led programs as distinct as their destinations have given

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**Sept. 28-** A non-student male was issued a trespass warning and asked to vacate university property.

**Sept. 28-** Facilities Services reported the theft of wheel covers from a golf cart rented by UMW. The covers are worth \$48.

**Oct. 1-** A UMW junior was arrested at 12:45 a.m. in the 200 block of William Street for public intoxication. She was found walking alone.

**Oct. 3-** Between 7:00-9:00 p.m., a UMW student reported her purse as stolen at Umi Japanese Fine Dining while she was having dinner. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. The restaurant is located on Jefferson Davis Highway.

**Oct. 4-** An argument between roommates in Eagle Landing resulted in a call to UMW Police, who were requested to de-escalate the argument. Residence Life is handling the issue.

This information was compiled with help from Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Community Services Susan Knick, and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

# Due to Online Survey Problem, Elections Took One Month

By LINDLEY ESTES  
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In an unforeseen chain of events, freshman class council elections took nearly a month of re-elections and runoff elections to determine conclusive results.

The original ballots were cast on Sept. 8 and 9 for each of the class of 2014 Class Council positions: president, vice president, treasurer and promotions director. However, on this original ballot the names of Moira Dilks, treasurer hopeful, and Lilian Perez, presidential hopeful, were switched.

According to Class Council President Austin Bartenstein, not all freshmen showed up to the nominations and instead sent proxies who did not have the information about which position the candidate desired.

The candidates were notified and a re-election was scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week. Each was given an allotted \$15 for campaigning, in addition to the original \$30 in accordance with the Class Council constitution.

"We felt bad for the candidates," said Joe Mollo, director of student activities.

However, when Mollo and his colleagues went to check the results of the re-election, they found that the school's subscription to the survey taker, Zarca, had expired. All results of the re-election were lost.

According to Pam Lowery, director of user services, the school has subscribed to Zarca for five years and has never had a problem like this before.

After the incident, the school's license to the tool was activated, and there are a number of polls and surveys being taken with it now.

"We will make every effort to ensure that there are no active surveys at the time that our license renewal is due," Lowery said.

The election then went to a paper ballot. All positions were filled through this election except that of the president, which had to go to a runoff election.

The Class Council constitution states that if three or more candidates run for the same position, the winner must have a 50 percent majority of the votes. This did not happen for the freshman class president election and another smaller election for the position was held.

Perez did not make it to the runoff election, but was offered the option of contesting the election if she wished, Bartenstein said. She did not.

Dilks, who ran for treasurer, does not think the paper ballot drew enough attention.

"I do not think everyone turned out for the paper ballot, which made it a little unfair," Dilks said. "The students have busy lives and it would be much easier for them to use the elec-

tronic ballot. In fact, I didn't even turn out for the paper ballot."

According to Bartenstein, around 100 students came out for the paper ballots.

However, this is not uncommon for it to take this long

"At the end of my freshman year, four people ran for president," said Bartenstein. "I was in a runoff with one other person, who contested after the runoff paper ballot election. That was a three-week process, one week shorter than this year's for president. Runoffs happen often but class council sees them as necessary to make the process fair."

According to Bartenstein, the process would ideally take a week, but rarely does.

"It's been unfortunately lengthy this year," said Christina Eggenberger, associate director of student activities and community services. "I know the candidates have been frustrated. So has Class Council. They look forward to getting freshmen officers."

Eggenberger said that some of this frustration has come from the need to train new officers.

"There is a lot to learn," Eggenberger said.

The freshmen officers are in charge of Devil-Goat Day and help Class Council in planning other traditional events throughout the year.

# UMW Changes Policy on Diversity to be More Inclusive

By MATT BLAIR  
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The University of Mary Washington is changing the wording of the Community Values Statement to better reflect the ideals and beliefs upheld and enforced by school faculty and staff, the Board of Visitors, and the student population.

During the 2007-2008 school year, an incident occurred in which a student posted a prank flier on the Jefferson Hall bulletin board, the Bullet reported on Nov. 8, 2007. A member of the resident hall housekeeping staff that discovered the flier found it to be offensive.

At that time the situation was resolved appropriately, according to Anand Rao, associate professor of communications and chair of the working group on diversity and inclusion. However, the school was limited in disciplinary actions it could take against the student due to the wording of the current state-

ment.

Courtney Chapman, associate director of the Multicultural Center, said the student was protected under the First Amendment for free speech, even though the Statement of Community Values read, "We refuse to tolerate behavior that in any way compromises or threatens these values."

According to Rao, the incident raised two concerns: the wording of the Community Values Statement needed an update to better handle any type of possible future incident, and the school community needed a means to report any type of discriminatory incident for investigation and possible disciplinary action.

Chapman said school officials realized that it was important to state where the administration stood concerning the issues of diversity and inclusiveness.

As a result of the Strategic Plan for Diversity recently implemented by President Hurley,

the Statement on Diversity and Inclusion was drafted, according to the UMW website.

Rao said the document was revised and edited by members of the staff as well as Virginia's Office of the Attorney General to provide the best wording to represent diversity on campus.

The UMW website said that to ensure and protect a safe and open working and academic environment for all members of the Mary Washington community, the Bias Offense and Reporting Policy was created. This gave the university definitive wording to better enforce its stance on nondiscrimination and inclusiveness.

According to Rao, the Bias Incident Reporting Program was created to give students a way to report any type of discriminatory or bias-related actions, or incidents for further investigation.

Chapman said the university has taken positive steps towards

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# Students Travel to Foreign Countries for Global Exchange

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students a chance to earn credit by learning in more than the average classroom.

Leahy has seen the most growth in programs not necessarily facilitated by the study abroad office, like the men's rugby team's spring break trip to Ireland.

"There are a lot of places we don't coordinate," she said. "That's where I see expansion."

Other regional universities have seen their students show substantial interest in study abroad as well. At Radford University, the vast majority of the students study abroad over the summer on faculty-led programs, according to Teresa King, assistant director of the International Education Center at Radford.

Longwood University encourages its students to experience overseas learning as well. It requires all language students to study abroad and offers education students the opportunity to teach in foreign countries.

In the past year, Longwood University sent 19 of its students to study abroad for two months or longer and 87 to short-term programs, according to Robert Frank, director of international affairs at Longwood.

For Kent, her semester-long experience with UMW's Bilbao program enhanced her classroom language and culture learning.

"What I found most valuable about studying abroad was the opportunity to travel and meet people from all over the world," Kent said. "Becoming more familiar with the culture and language I am studying for my major was priceless."

The College of William and Mary has a sizable program, with approximately 600 students studying abroad each year, according to Emily

Hogge, the study abroad and international students and scholars programs and services assistant at William and Mary.

Half of those students partake in the 14 summer programs the college offers, Hogge said, while the rest can choose among William and Mary's 20 semester programs or a number of third-party options.

George Washington University offers an exceptionally wide array of options for students who wish to study overseas, with a total of more than 250 programs to choose from.

Forty-seven percent of GWU's juniors take advantage of these opportunities, according to Lucienne Jugant, associate director of the Office for Study Abroad at GWU.

Leahy encourages students to come into Mary Washington's Office of International Academic Services to take advantage of the available resources, noting that not all the information is readily accessible online.

Grade point average is a


considerable factor in acceptance to a study abroad program and, according to Leahy, a high GPA gets students into most of their programs of choice.

Students whose GPAs do not quite meet the requested level, however, do have the opportunity to use their letters of recommendation and positive trends in their grades to explain and perhaps override their average, Leahy said.

Finances are also a consideration for many students. Leahy recommends starting on the process more than a semester in advance to allow more time to acquire financial aid or scholarships.

"If money is tight, there are scholarships to be had and the money is there," she said. "There is money in very unique areas. Some students really surprise me."

Rotary scholarships offered by community-based organizations, for instance, are sources that students often overlook but can be of great assistance in funding a study abroad experience.

UMW Students Who Have Studied Abroad in Past Years	
	
2004	170
2005	189
2006	214
2007	273
2008	285
2009	276

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## Corrections

Due to editing errors, the class years of three students were incorrect in a Sept. 30 story headlined, "Bras Collected For Cause." Abby Kimmitt is a sophomore; Chris Vellucci, a junior; and Olivia Snider, a senior. Also Kimmitt was labeled as a comedian in the show, but she was actually the host.



# Viewpoints

## In Recent Suicides, Fault Lies With Bullies, Not the Internet

At 8:42 p.m. on Sept. 22, Tyler Clementi, an 18-year-old freshman at Rutgers University, updated his Facebook status to be, "Jumping off the GW bridge sorry," then killed himself, according to abcnews.com.

What drove him to this tragic end was bigotry and ignorance. Dharun Ravi, Clementi's roommate, and Ravi's friend, Molly Wei, broadcasted a live feed of Clementi engaging in sexual activity with another male student, inviting 148 Twitter followers to tune in to ridicule him.

Now Ravi and Wei face criminal charges ranging from invasion of privacy to committing a hate crime to being directly implicated in Clementi's death.

While Ravi and Wei's actions are reprehensible, almost unfathomable, the news media covering this heart-breaking story have only exacerbated the issue. Instead of focusing on the true cause of Clementi's suicide—calow, narrow-minded ignorance and bullying—lawmakers and media outlets have been rallying against the Internet, seemingly the only place Clementi felt comfortable enough to vent his issues.

Abcnews.com reported that Clementi had posted his grievances on JustUsBoys.com, a gay community website, and quoted him as having said, "I'm kind pissed at him (rightfully so I think, no?)" in regards to his roommate. But after finding the

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forum thread for myself, I'm shocked at how little attention and respect has been paid to it.

First, the quote is "kinda," not "kind." It's a small issue, but when it's one of the last things Clementi ever wrote, it's unacceptable. Further, it's clear that abcnews.com never made it past that sentence while skimming.

Clementi also wrote, "I feel like the only thing the school might do is find me another roommate, probably with me moving out...and I'd probably just end up with somebody worse than him.... I mean aside from being an asshole from time to time, he's a pretty decent roommate..."

Reading the rest of the thread, as posters realize what happened to him, is chilling.

The Internet may have been Ravi's outlet to torment Clementi, but it was also Clementi's outlet to get help. The media's focus on the Internet as the real cause behind this tragedy is disgusting. In Jeff Jarvis' article on the fastertimes.com, "Why the Rutgers Suicide Isn't About the Internet," he explained that in a recent interview with Katie Couric on the topic, "Couric asked me the same question a half-dozen ways...trying to get me to

give her the answer she wanted."

"The sin could have been committed with a Kodak camera or a telephone or a letter, for that matter," he wrote.

This is a lesson the media should have learned by now. Last year, 13-year-old girl, Hope Witsell, sent a boy she liked a picture of herself topless. He passed it around, and other students began calling her "slut" and "whore." Instead of helping her deal with her cruel classmates, the school suspended her and her parents grounded her. She hung herself in her room.

"The Today Show" jumped on the story, blaming the act of "sexting" for her suicide, not the incessant bullies, the school, or her parents.

It's baffling that this kind of outdated thinking could be repeated so soon. The reason why Clementi and Witsell both took their lives had nothing to do with the Internet and everything to do with society. Bullying is nothing new. We need to stop blaming the tools used to bully and blame the bullies themselves.

Not only are news outlets shifting the blame from the actual causes of these suicides, they are contributing to them. They perpetuate the idea that individuals are not responsible for their actions. They give these bullies a way out. We should be holding Ravi responsible, not the Internet.

## Only Apathetic Lose Chance to be Heard

I'm not entirely unconvinced that, shortly after graduation, I'll meet a charming sociopath who will brainwash me into joining his cult. I only bring this up so someone can be aware of this potential issue and stop me before I buy the required matching Nikes.

It's not that I'm any more gullible or prone to cult mentality than the next person, but I've found that it's super easy to get sucked into a pattern of agreeing with whomever you're around, instead of actively engaging and forcing yourself to develop your own opinions.

Basically, when given the option between apathy and anything else, I've spent the past four years choosing apathy.

Not caring about anything had so many benefits.

You can never lose an argument, for example, if nothing matters enough to fight about. Plus, you get the last laugh at how ridiculous people can be when they let themselves get too emotionally invested in a debate.

But, in the words of that old bro Alexander Hamilton, "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."

Smart, right? That pretty much sums up my fear of joining a cult later in life.

Oddly enough, in high school I was way into politics, or as much as privileged, idealistic little monsters with no grasp on reality can be.

It was really fun to be on an extreme side of the party line—I never had to consider how I actually felt about things.

Because I associated so strongly with one group on a few key issues, I figured I agreed across the board. I was also granted instant access to a whole group of like-minded friends by getting involved in political clubs, which, I'm convinced is half the reason many people claim to have an interest in politics to begin with.

After a few months of college as a prospective Poli-Sci major, I realized that my interest in politics weakened each time I had to endure two equally uninformed extremists arguing for argument's sake and promptly switched to an English degree.

At the same time, the classes I took forced me to actually learn about more than the few hot topics that always get brought up, and I realized that my beliefs didn't really lie where I thought they did.

The social implications of a person's politics were what lead to my ultimate disinterest in the subject. The assertion that political, religious and economic opinions are best kept to ourselves, especially around strangers or people whose beliefs you know differ from your own, is so on point.

It's just tacky to debate foreign policy over brunch.

The easiest thing to do was to drop the whole politics thing and not worry about my real opinions.

I can't really account for my renewed interest over the past few months. It probably has to do with the fact that I need to keep up with current events for many of

my classes and—hold on, because this level of insight might actually blow your minds—when you read the newspaper daily, you start to develop feelings about things, whether you

want to or not.

You remember feelings, right?

The only person negatively affected by my apathy was myself. Haters still hated, ballers still balled, hoppers still hoped and tea partiers still tea partied. Or whatever.

What I mean is, no one else stopped caring, so, if anything, my lack of a voice only contributed to my oppositions' voice getting louder.

I know I'll never be the most informed or the most passionate about every issue (probably any issue), but asking myself to care about them isn't asking too much.

### Thought You Knew



By Jordan Kroll  
Columnist

*Haters still hated, ballers still balled, hoppers still hoped and Tea Partiers still Tea Partied.*

## HIV/AIDS Prevalence Acts As Motivation to be Tested

Despite all the talk about HIV/AIDS, many people still do not know much about it, beyond fundraising efforts like Product Red.

People generally know that having AIDS is not a good thing, but tend to believe AIDS only afflicts African countries—which couldn't be farther from the truth. Currently, 21,000 Virginians live with AIDS.

When reporting the disease, the Centers for Disease Control states that a person "lives" with AIDS, as opposed to being "infected with" or "dying from" AIDS. While a little over a half a million Americans have died from AIDS, many more Americans are living with AIDS.

More importantly, they are living longer. Although it is wonderful that more people with the disease are living longer, the unfortunate side-effect is higher rates of transmission.

You are probably still thinking AIDS has nothing to do with you and that you don't need to worry about it.

Well, let me bring it a little closer to home. First of all, people who have HIV/AIDS look like everyone else. There are no distinct differences in their appearances.

Secondly, the number of males living with the disease, in Virginia alone, is staggering. The Virginia Department of Health states, "one out of every 370 Virginians is known to be living with

HIV/AIDS."

The VDH adds that, "For every five Virginians living with HIV/AIDS, approximately four are men, three are black, three live in the Eastern or Northern region, and two are men who

creates one's risk of contracting the disease.

Obviously, the most effective way to eliminate the risk of becoming infected is to abstain from sexual activities, and stay away from heroin and other intravenous drugs.

If you are sexually active, it is tremendously important that you use condoms consistently and correctly. Likewise, it is important to get tested for HIV/AIDS. The VDH states that approximately 5,500 Virginians do not know they are infected.

Thankfully, UMW is doing a fabulous job of offering free testing and education for HIV/AIDS this year. The Student Health Center is giving away free HIV/AIDS testing until the end of the year.

Your information and result is confidential. The nurse collects your name and demographic information solely for national and state reporting purposes.

Regardless of the result, you're given a nice goody-bag with educational information and resources, in addition to free condoms.

I encourage you to get tested if you are sexually active.

Education and prevention is the number one way to prevent HIV/AIDS. For more information about HIV/AIDS, see [avert.org](http://avert.org) or [cdc.gov/hiv/](http://cdc.gov/hiv/).

*Sexclimations*  
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Student Health Center in Lee Hall

have sex with other men."

Anal sex is the easiest way to transmit the infection, for it creates tiny tears around the anus. Coming into contact with these minor cuts leads to infection.

In general, anyone can contract the disease by coming into contact with an infected person's blood or sexual fluids, namely vaginal fluids or semen. Additionally, sharing needles in-

## Proposed Tuition Hike Well Justified

By VALERIE LAPOINTE  
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In a forum open to the entire student body, President Hurley and Board of Visitor member, Xavier Richardson, addressed the Student Senate to discuss the details of the proposed tuition hikes. Hurley made it a point to address many of the fears and rumors circulating around campus about the impending tuition increase.

While everyone's gut reaction to a tuition increase is to become disgruntled as they anticipate the hole in their pocket getting deeper, once Hurley presented the numbers, it was hard not to take his side.

Since 2007 the university's annual operating budget of \$90 million, has been slashed by \$8 million, a 35% decrease. In order for UMW to break even during the next fiscal year, tuition, fees, room and board has to go up by \$1,206 per student, per year.

This is a low-ball estimate, but the highest it would go up would be \$2,464 per student per year.

This is a reasonable request for the university to make in the face of a crippling budget deficit. Every other Virginia college, and most colleges nationwide, are facing similar deficits, and it's to be expected that the students will end up feeling some strain.

While most other schools will probably implement this policy silently, we are very fortunate to have a President who takes the time to address us directly with an honest and transparent approach.



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President Hurley delivering address at the Senate Forum

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# Viewpoints

## Virginia Wrestles With Illegal Immigration

*Broken system threatens national security*

By **CALVIN SHERWOOD**  
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Throughout the history of our country, the U.S. has had a love-hate relationship with immigration.

Immigration fuels our population growth, provides workers for industry and brings new, bright minds to help spark new technology.

Nevertheless, mass immigration has always led to a period of ethnic rivalry and prejudice as a result of fighting for jobs, and more recently, issues in border security and drug prevention.

The system we use to regulate immigration, right now, is painfully incompetent.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, as many as 10.8 million illegal immigrants reside in the U.S. This is not a big political issue because that number has actually decreased from 2008, when they estimated that there were 11.6 million residing here.

This drop is primarily due to the economy. Fewer jobs mean less demand for immigrants, especially the kind everyone loves to hate.

This change of demographics is a false friend. Instead of helping make the system actually change by forcing Washington to finally address the issue, they can now back out and ignore the issue since it has drifted from voters' fickle minds.

Despite this change in the political wind, one thing remains quite obvious—America needs immigration reform that works. The consequence of ignoring the current problems is a lesson we should have learned from the past during the Reagan administration and the Bush administration, when earnest attempts at reform were swept under the carpet for political reasons.

Illegal immigration currently raises several problems, and the biggest of them is that it is illegal.

No matter what protesters say, our government has voted on, and passed, bills that make living in the USA, without proper registration, against the law.

However unfair immigrants and locals think that is, resorting to solutions outside the law does not work out in the end, and it leaves illegal immigrants in a vulnerable position, enabling them to be exploited by others, outside the protection of the law.

Though it's a long-term solution, working with the government to change the laws to be fairer will pan out to be the better solution over time.

The other big issue with illegal immigration is that it usually compromises border security, as illegal immigrants turn to transporters outside the law to shepherd them into the border states.

These "Coyotes" also bring in drugs for South American cartels, fueling other illegal activity in the U.S.

Having holes in border security is worrisome for other reasons, too. Drugs and crime go hand in hand, so how can we check to make sure weapons aren't being brought in as well with the drugs?

The bottom line is that we need to fix this. While it is impossible to stop every single illegal from

entering, border security is of vital importance for our national security that we should not blow off.

Unlike what politicians tell you, real change that can bring real solutions to illegal immigration will be hard to find. There are legitimate concerns about making it easier to become a citizen, and there are also serious issues that need to be addressed on border security.

*GOP focuses on restriction, not reform*

By **BRIAN AURICCHIO**  
Political Columnist

Americans have never been very accepting of foreign cultures. Being American does not imply any national origin, yet we created an exclusive identity. This tension is evident in the immigration debate.

Republican campaigns for the upcoming elections have turned away from immigration reform, and embraced immigration restriction.

According to FAIR, the Federation for Amer-

hold."

Democrats acknowledge there is a broken immigration system in the United States; however, the federal government's priority should be to help these immigrants become citizens.

Senate Democrats have created a new bill on immigration, adopting many conservative stances. In the plan, they intend to expand the border patrol service dramatically.

The bill punishes U.S. employers that hire illegal immigrants, and requires all workers, citizen or not, to have a social security card at all times with fingerprint identification for eligibility checks.

This plan emphasizes securing the border rather than finding illegal immigrants and helping them register for citizenship.

Virginia's Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli is considering immigration reform that imitates the racially motivated Arizona law, which utilizes racial profiling. This law is already in effect in Prince William County.

Cuccinelli ruled that during a routine stop, police officers can ask about a person's citizenship status. Last August, Gov. Bob McDonnell asked the federal government to allow Virginia state police to enforce federal immigration laws.

In an interview with the *Richmond Report*, McDonnell stated, "All we want to do is to make sure that, first and foremost, that people who are here illegally, and committing crimes against other Virginia citizens or other immigrants—that those people are properly prosecuted, detained and deported."

These immigrants are a vital part of America's working class. We cannot forget they are consumers in this economy as well, not to mention they typically take jobs most Americans are unwilling to take. They also provide middle class America with a labor force.

There is no reason an illegal immigrant, who clears a background check and ardently works everyday for their family, should not be considered a citizen. Not only are we betraying America's promise to her tired, poor and huddled masses, but we are effectively killing the American dream.

Reform is blatantly needed in America; however, the lines between restriction and racism are blurry. The emphasis should be on helping illegal immigrants attain citizenship, rather than finding them and deporting them.

We cannot forget that illegal immigrants still contribute to our nation, and their rights as people are no different than ours.



### Opposing Viewpoints



A group protesting the proposed crackdown on illegal immigration

Mexico's constant war with drug cartels has occasionally crossed the border, and that kind of violence is something that should never be tolerated in the U.S.

Failure to recognize this will only lead to more extreme solutions, like Arizona's new state policy.

ican Immigration Reform, there are 205,000 illegal immigrants living in Virginia. In the U.S., it is estimated that there are 13 million people living here illegally.

Many conservatives support building a fence across the U.S.-Mexico border to ensure that no one comes into the country undocumented.

Aside from national security, the fiscal burden they pose presents another problem. Another study by FAIR claims, "the net fiscal drain on American taxpayers [from immigration] is between \$166 and \$226 a year per native house-

### Turning in an Assignment After an All-Nighter Before After



You will then promptly pass out once you get near anything remotely comfortable  
Lindsay Evans 2010.

## Talking to Strangers Not Always a Bad Idea



By **STEPHANIE LICHIELLO**  
Columnist

Imagine for a moment that it's a Wednesday evening and your apartment is void of anything and everything edible. Unless you plan on eating a bird-size portion of 3-week old spaghetti or a handful of spoiled lunchmeat for dinner, your best and closest bet is the grocery store.

I doubt I am the only one who doesn't dress-to-impress when I make a quick run to the store. I often wear workout clothes, sweatpants or jeans and a t-shirt. Either way, my attire certainly doesn't scream, "Come talk to me."

Instead, it says, "I just rolled out of bed and didn't have time to brush my hair" or better yet, "I've been in class all day and could care less what I look like right now."

So what happens if you stumble upon an attractive individual on aisle five? What, exactly, is proper etiquette for a chance meeting with a complete stranger?

You really only have three options: One, play it cool and walk by hoping he or she doesn't notice you staring directly at them. Two, make eye contact but quickly pass without saying a word. Or three, stop, say hello, and strike up a conversation.

Let's be honest here, who actually stops to say hello? I wish I could say I was a number three person but I probably fall into the number-two category.

I'm all about being friendly, but stopping in the midst of my shopping to talk to a randy is probably not going to happen on my watch.

I am by no means a shy person, but there is something uncomfortable about walking up to

strangers, especially in a public place. I often wonder, "Are they thinking what I'm thinking?"

The answer is probably yes. However, there is something to be said about a person confident enough to talk to a stranger. I came across someone like this during my grocery shopping last week.

I had made the mistake, like I always do, of getting the little purple hand basket instead of the big shopping cart to fill with groceries. The problem was, I bought enough food for an army and my little purple basket wasn't looking so little anymore.

Waiting in line to check out, I hear a voice behind me say, "You should probably rest your basket on my cart." Completely oblivious, I turn around and respond, "Uhhh me?" He said, "Yes, you—your basket looks heavy—rest it here."

He took my basket and placed it strategically atop his cart until the three people in front of me checked out.

It's sad but I was so surprised that a complete stranger would be so nice to me that I was at a loss for words. I probably came across as ungrateful, but I didn't know what to say.

As I checked out, I thought to myself, "do I ask for his name...No that is entirely too forward... Do I wait for him in the parking lot...Definitely not—that's something only a stalker would do." So instead, I got in my car and drove away.

Afterwards I wished I had at least asked him his name and told him how much I appreciated what he did.

In these situations you don't have much time to think so you must act quickly.

Lesson of the day: speak to the random stranger on aisle five, maybe even ask for their phone number. The worst that could happen is for them to refuse to give you their number, thinking you are a complete creep, and run as fast as they can in the opposite direction.

On the other hand, it could be the case that a random act of kindness allows you to find a sincere and genuine person in the least likely place



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  - Entertainment
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# Entertainment

## Join ‘The Social Network’ by Watching This Amazing Film

By ERIK ZOTTNICK  
Staff Writer

If you have any reservations about watching “that Facebook movie,” set them aside.

“The Social Network,” directed by David Fincher, deserves your attention. It’s an intriguingly electric story about alienation, loss and despair in the face of billions of dollars. It’s sexy, seductive, relevant to our generation



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and best of all, it’s deep.

The movie, starring Jesse Eisenberg, is about the meteoric rise to fame of Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, as the world’s youngest billionaire, and what that cost him. It tracks Facebook’s controversial inception and the painful litigation that followed.

Zuckerberg is portrayed as a simultaneous narcissist and genius. Eisenberg plays him with ferocity and a deep need to succeed always searing underneath. It’s certainly a joy to watch him perform.

The script, written by Aaron Sorkin of “The West Wing,” is all hyper-fast dialogue, an asset brilliantly utilized by the cast, chatting their way through a burgeoning digital age. The movie cuts between Zuckerberg during Facebook’s creation and the aftermath in court, allowing char-

acters to comment on the action as it happens and add clever subtext to the events.

The dialogue is lacerating through its wit, emulating the resplendence of Harvard. The setting is captured wonderfully and you really feel like you’re in the environments of an Ivy League school, dilapidated bars, loud clubs and corporate offices.

Fincher directs with just the right amount of poise and few frills. The movie is excellent on a technical level, with beautiful cinematography in a dreamy palette of browns, greens and a sleek blue. The composition is perfect, as are the minor camera moves that Fincher makes; just enough to convey the point he’s making. There’s no flash without substance here and the film never loses sight of its underlying themes.

Trent Reznor’s original score adds a dark edge to the movie and pulsates with the emotions that fuel the characters. The soundtrack underpins a sinister current running throughout the movie. It’s all electronic bliss and dissonance charting the frustrations of a generation caught staring at computers.

The acting is impeccable and perfectly timed. Of course, a movie driven by dialogue wouldn’t work without the right actors who can all perform admirably. Andrew Garfield, who plays Eduardo Saverin, Zuckerberg’s best friend and CFO of the company, is fantastic in his role. He serves as the movie’s moral center and makes all the right turns as someone who is pulled away from both his company and his friend.

Justin Timberlake is absolutely stunning as the Silicon Valley “rock star”

Sean Parker, a rather surprising and impressive job for the pop star. He has just the right charisma to play someone who could seduce Zuckerberg into “dot com” superstardom while sliding his way into the maelstrom of Facebook.

We see Zuckerberg being pulled in different directions, but we already know where he’s headed. Eisenberg shows us the vulnerability underneath that drives this student into the person he is, or probably always was. He crafts the character of Zuckerberg as a tragic, critically unaware figure. We watch Zuckerberg as he ushers us into a future where we “live on the Internet.”

It’s funny to see the supposed inventor of a tool that should bring us all together forge everything because his natural impulses drive people away. Don’t miss this movie.

## See ‘Devil’ and You’ll be Praying for a Refund

By DAVID TINDELL  
Staff Writer

Have you ever had a great idea, said it out loud, and realized it was actually pretty stupid?

The next time M. Night Shyamalan gets the green light to write a movie, he should say the concept out loud before wasting our time again.

The plot of “Devil” is about as nuanced as lacing Velcro shoes. Five strangers enter an elevator,

strange things start to happen, scary music plays and one of them might be the Devil. It is just that straightforward. Feel free to use the bathroom, because they do not leave that elevator for almost the entire movie.

That is not to say simplicity is always a bad thing for a thriller film. The central notion of “The Ring” is fairly basic, for instance. For “Devil” to be interesting, the characters needed to compensate with innovative dialogue and enticing background information.

However, none of the five strangers are that interesting. They all follow a similar model: each character has a seemingly regular job, but with a shady

history. For example, Ben, played by Bokeem Woodbine, is a temp security guard with a violent history. Because of their wicked pasts, the Devil decides to mess with them. The most depth comes from the narration of Ramirez, played by Jacob Vargas, but even that is only “meh.”

Perhaps my biggest beef with this movie is its name, “Devil,” the major twist of the film. The entire movie becomes a waiting game for the Devil to appear, which was the only remotely interesting thing in the film.

“Devil” is regarded as a commercial success, but the further damage to Shyamalan’s reputation outweighs the

money made here. The movie only cost \$10 million and has raked in double since opening, but the fact remains that Shyamalan’s movies have gone from disappointing to embarrassing ever since “Signs.” These days, if I see that Shyamalan influenced a movie in any way, I try to just stay home that weekend to be safe.

But it’s not all negative. Even though “Devil” was awful, it was at least short with a running time of thankfully just 80 minutes and a brisk pace.

To top it all off, “Devil” doesn’t even wrap up well. It’s just a huge waste of your time and money that you should avoid at all costs.

## ‘Easy A’ Gets Full Marks

By CHELSEA CAYER  
Staff Writer

“Let’s not and say we did,” goes the motto for the strikingly funny yet promiscuous movie, “Easy A.”

Olive Penderghast, played remarkably well by Emma Stone, was always the “good girl” until she tells a little lie about a fake one night stand that spreads around school.

Stone gave a fantastic performance as Penderghast. Previously cast in supporting roles in other hit movies, Stone has proven that she can take on lead roles and immerse herself in a character. She knows exactly how to command an audience, keeping the attention of her viewers throughout the entire movie. Stone delivers jokes incredibly well and easily creates hilarious awkwardness with her dry sense of humor.

Amanda Bynes plays Marianne, an irritating, judgmental girl who antagonizes Olive throughout most of the movie. Bynes does a great job creating a character that’s annoying without being frustrating to watch.

Both Stone and Bynes complement each other very well in their roles. Their completely different personalities play off each other amazingly and their dis-

like for one another is unquestionably clear.

Not only was “Easy A” entertaining, but it actually had some important life lessons, too, ranging from the value of telling the truth, to staying true to yourself, and to keeping your personal life a secret. This wasn’t a movie I expected to have real, applicable lessons in it, so it was really refreshing to see.

Another thing that was quite refreshing was the lack of obscene language. Rarely is there a movie where crude language is absent these days, but “Easy A” still managed to be funny without resorting to foul language incorporated in every line.

Despite all of this, the movie did seem a little bit lengthy for the plot line, which is relatively simple and could have probably been wrapped up in 30 minutes. But as you’d expect, twists and turns complicate things.

“Easy A” was not only entertaining and encompassed life lessons that people should live by, but it was also amusing and very easy-going. Simple fun and escapism propel this movie, and all the laughs really make it shine. It allows you to sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself. It’s definitely worth seeing.

## ‘Wall Street’: Money Might Never Sleep, But You Will During This Boring Movie

By DAVID TINDELL  
Staff Writer

Why can’t directors figure out the sequel?

There’s just something about movie sequels that make them so difficult to actually succeed in outperforming or at least match the original. Some are immune to this curse, but most sequels have fallen prey to it for me.

Oliver Stone’s “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps” doesn’t set itself apart from the pack.

The original “Wall Street,” released in 1987, starred Michael Douglas as a ruthless Wall Street raider named Gordon Gekko who is eventually put in prison for insider trading.

In “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps,” Gekko, played by a much older Michael Douglas, has finally been released and is focused on renewing his relationship with his daughter, Winnie, played by a hysterical Carey Mulligan who’s part mainly consists of crying in almost every scene she’s in.

The movie mainly focuses on the efforts of Jacob Moore, an ambitious, young trader played by Shia LaBeouf,

who seeks to wed Gekko’s daughter and to avenge the death of his former Wall Street mentor.

Just from the caliber of actors and the story synopsis, you’d assume that “Money Never Sleeps” would deliver extremely impressive performances. However, the quality of acting was both the greatest accomplishment and most crushing disappointment of the movie.

Michael Douglas gave the best performance in “Money Never Sleeps,” complete with long-winded speeches and in your face one-liners. And although Shia LaBeouf will always be Louis Stephens from Disney Channel’s “Even Stevens” to me, he suited the portrayal of an overly-ambitious Wall Street trader well.

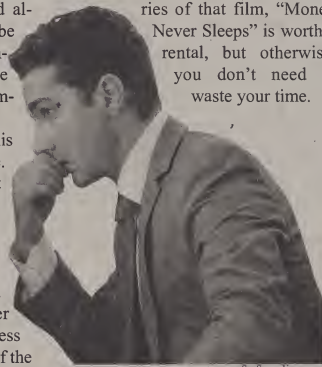
But for all this acting talent, this should have been a better movie. The characters just weren’t that likeable. I simply couldn’t empathize with either LaBeouf or Mulligan’s characters without more background information, and the plot seemed to drag on at times.

A major bore of “Money Never Sleeps” was the barrage of business jargon. Although the overall pace of the

movie kept the audience awake, the constant references to ticker names and bank names detracted from the overall excitement.

However, despite being a bit predictable, there are a couple of twists within the movie that are fantastic, demonstrating great writing.

Ultimately, the biggest reason to see “Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps” is for nostalgia. The first “Wall Street” encapsulated the excess of 1980’s greed in a special way. If you have fond memories of that film, “Money Never Sleeps” is worth a rental, but otherwise, you don’t need to waste your time.



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## Bullet Points

Thursday,  
October 7

- **Bowling:** Like with most sports, I’m awful at bowling. But that won’t stop me from having a blast at Liberty Lanes at 9 p.m. Just \$5 for unlimited bowling.
- **S.H.H.:** I hate cold weather. That’s why I’m going to the Students Helping Honduras meeting at 8 p.m. in Chandler 201. Volunteering in Honduras sounds good to me.

Friday,  
October 8

- **World Mental Health Day:** To celebrate World Mental Health Day, whatever that is, you can enjoy free popcorn and exotic treats outside of Lee Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. So World Mental Health Day happens to be on the last day of midterms? Too awesome.

Saturday,  
October 9

- **Fall Break:** Midterms are over and today’s your first day of fall break. Finally! Go home, party it up with friends, and relax. You’ve earned it.

Sunday,  
October 10

- **Fall Break:** Assuming you took my advice yesterday and partied it up with friends, you’re probably waking up pretty late today with a hangover. You’ve made me very proud. Assuming you live in Eagle Landing and decided to stay over break, you’re probably waking up very early to a fire alarm. As of this writing, Eagle Landing has had 15 alarms. Hilarious.

Monday,  
October 11

- **Fall Break:** Imagine it. If you weren’t on break right now, you’d be in class. Learning things. Terrifying, right? Well you’re still on break. Go back to bed.

Tuesday,  
October 12

- **Fall Break:** This is the last day of break? What? You’ve got to be kidding me. Alright, time to make the most of the day... by going back to sleep.

Wednesday,  
October 13

- **BINGO:** Fall break is over but the fun doesn’t have to stop! Bingo is returns to the Underground tonight at 8 p.m.

Send Bullet Points to [tella@mail.umw.edu](mailto:tella@mail.umw.edu).

## Weekly Sudoku

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Puzzle 1 (Hard, difficulty rating 0.63)

To check your answers, go to [umybullet.com/entertainment](http://umybullet.com/entertainment).



# Entertainment

## Sleigh Bells vs. LCD Soundsystem at the Charlottesville Pavilion

By **THOMAS ELLA**  
Entertainment Editor

As an impatient crowd yelled cat-calls for opening rock duo Sleigh Bells to "get out here," I was preoccupied worrying about getting slammed into the brick stage and how long it would take for the drunken girl behind me to spill her beer.

I can't say that I agree with the decision to book Sleigh Bells, an act notorious for its chaotic, distorted sound, to open for LCD Soundsystem, a smooth electronic group driven by the always-casual genius James Murphy and his strong sense of irony, last Saturday at the Charlottesville Pavilion.

Halfway through Sleigh Bells' set, I was starting to feel legitimately concerned that I wouldn't even be able to hear LCD Soundsystem by the time singer Alexis Krauss was done screeching into my ear. Even though I arrived early enough to stand in the front row, almost dead center, I still wound up in front of a speaker presumably designed to cause permanent damage.

So while I enjoyed what I could make out of the frantic melodies that guitarist Derek Miller tapped out amongst the heavy distortion and ear-splitting vocals, I couldn't help but wish they'd tone it down so I could actually appreciate their music.

It was all worth it when LCD Soundsystem finally came on. One by one, they coolly took their places, with drummer Al Doyle bicycling in to extra fanfare. Murphy was the last of the bunch, nonchalantly ignoring the crowd to talk to some of the band members, tighten his belt, and lazily kick aside a



LCD Soundsystem front man James Murphy played a mind-blowing set.

Thomas Ella/Bullet

towel a fan had thrown onstage.

Without a word, the band started their opening track, "Dance Yrself Clean," a dynamic song that begins with mellow percussion taps and electronic whines before exploding into an energetic, pulsating dance number where Murphy wailed over the screams of an ecstatic crowd.

"I'm glad you guys are having fun,"

Murphy said at the track's close, sounding relieved. "This is a pavilion. I would think pavilions would be boring."

The next track they launched into, "Drunk Girls," was a song I'd struggled to connect with on their latest album, "This Is Happening," but hearing it performed live made it sound like a completely different song. There's a certain twang and energy you miss on the stu-

dio recordings that really came through here.

Murphy and guitarist David Scott Stone both went absolutely insane over the course of this song, with Murphy hammering on drums hard enough to punch holes in them and Stone twirling his guitar around like a fiery comet in space.

Throughout the show, the stage

lights flared to the beat and to Murphy's yells, representing a monumental leap in quality over Sleigh Bells, whose frenzied stage presence amounted to hectic, strobes of red and blue reminiscent of classic red-cyan anaglyph 3D.

And though both Krauss and Murphy clearly push their voices to the breaking point, Murphy's effort came across as infinitely more genuine. He'd often stare off to the side at faraway horizons that only he could see, looking as though he were about to collapse, before launching into choruses even he seemed surprised by.

During "Yeah," the final song before an expected encore, Murphy was giving everything he had, hitting his leg with a drumstick with each "yeah" he sang, as though trying to spur himself to give even more. Stone's glasses were close to falling off he was in such a fervor.

The crowd was no less enthusiastic, with bittersweet stage dives happening every couple of minutes to mixed results. "Movement," a brilliant, fast-paced track that played just before "Yeah," had the crowd going completely psychotic, slamming my friends and I up against the unforgiving brick of the stage. I could only manage glimpses of the tumultuous sea of zealots behind me.

As the band finally wound down after a deserved encore, they each exited one at a time, mirroring their entrance, until only Doyle and Stone were left, each still jamming. They both stopped on cue, waving to the crowd as they left, and Eddy Grant's "Electric Avenue" began to play, signaling the end of the show and a Saturday well spent.

## The Undeniably Adjacent are Undeniably Hilarious

By **BRIDGET BALCH**  
Staff Writer

It's Friday night at 8 p.m. If you were to ask anyone: "What do you think college kids are doing right now?" you'd probably get an answer like "pregaming" or "hitting up their first party of the night."

However, last Friday night, Combs 139 was filled past capacity. People crowded into the movie theater-style classroom, sat in the aisles and crammed in by the door.

Why would so many college students decide to spend their Friday night in a classroom? The answer is to watch UMW's only improv comedy team, the Undeniably Adjacent, work their magic.

"I judged all the other events on campus and this sounded the most fun," said sophomore Karmel James when asked why she decided to spend her Friday night at the show.

The Undeniably Adjacent's director, senior Kyle Dratwa, began the show by asking the crowd for a random prompt. "Tea party" was the phrase that began the first of three shows.

The first skit was about a time-traveling Batman that tries to stop the American colonists from having the Boston Tea Party. From there, the skits were about everything from Peter Pan to nude Pilates. The members of the Undeniably Adjacent worked well off of each other to smooth out some awkward moments in scenes.

"They have good timing checking each other. They run across [to end the skit] at good points to make the show flow better," said sophomore Abby Kimmitt.

There were a few skits that were "crowd favorites," said junior Isaac Whalen, one of the Undeniably Adjacent actors. Some of the jokes were taken a bit far, however. They overdid

Democrats vs. Republicans and Sarah Palin jokes, and occasionally walked the line between funny and offensive.

"Before they were a lot less vulgar; sometimes it's a bit much," said Kimmitt, who attended several shows last year. The team did know when they had stepped over the line though.

"Sorry if we offended your political or religious beliefs, race, or in any other way," Dratwa apologized during one of the intermissions, "and if we didn't, don't worry, we're getting to you."

The crowd's response to the show was definitely positive.

"[The show was] amazing! They're comic geniuses!" James said enthusiastically after the show.

"I think the UA show is hilarious," said sophomore Leslie Boyette. "I go to every one and it's definitely worth my time. The laid back atmosphere really makes for a great show."

If you're looking for a different way



Bridget Balch/Bullet

Fisticuffs flew at the Undeniably Adjacent show.

to spend your Friday night, there are undoubtedly good times to be had at the

Undeniably Adjacent improv comedy show. It's definitely worth going.

## Rain Moves Rocktoberfest and Cripples Attendance

By **ARIANA JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Food, fun, a carefree attitude and of course music, pretty much sums up the festivities of last Friday's Rocktoberfest. The bands, We Shot The Moon, the Green Boys and the Hounds all performed live in Great Hall for the annual rock celebration.

A handful of people came out to enjoy music and free pulled pork sand-

wiches compliments of Allman's Barbeque and the students of the Class Council.

The crowd had a disappointing turnout, filling only a fourth of the Great Hall. Originally, Rocktoberfest was supposed to be on Ball Circle but had to be moved to the Great Hall because rain was forecasted.

Two of the bands, the Green Boys and the Hounds, are from the area. Josh Ferrari, a Mary Washington alumnus, is

the lead singer of the Hounds and was recognizable to the audience. The other group, We Shot The Moon, is from San Diego, Calif. and is currently on a college tour.

Charles Reed, a senior at UMW, happily said, "Rocktoberfest is a great opportunity for students to get their minds off of their school work and just have fun."

Some students stopped by Great Hall just to grab a free sandwich and a cup while others actually came to watch the bands perform.

A few students from Virginia Wesleyan were in attendance to show their support of the Hounds, their campus band. They were surprised to see how few chairs were set up in Great Hall, considering that it was a campus wide event.

In between each band performance, there was an extended break for the bands to set up, and students became restless and chatty during these breaks.

One student said that there should have at least been background music playing while each band got ready to perform to prevent awkwardness.

Ryan Gramlich, the guitarist and vocalist of the Hounds, joked about how he was expecting a whole crowd of people to show up. But in the end, he was satisfied with the amount of people in attendance and had a great time performing.

Sarah Staunton, a senior at UMW, said, "I expected a well-known band to perform, and the event should have been outside like it was last year. There would have been a bigger turnout since there is more space outside."

Last year's Rocktoberfest was held on Ball Circle and featured "We the Kings." The turnout was more than quadruple the amount of people in attendance than this year. Since the event was outside, in the middle of campus, students were much more aware of Rocktoberfest's presence and felt much more inclined to go.

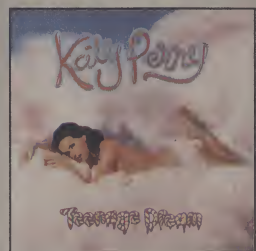
Overall, all three bands put on a great show and the people in attendance seemed to be enjoying themselves. Hopefully, next year's Rocktoberfest will be able to be held outside in Ball Circle where it belongs instead of getting rained out, so more people will come out to see what great music the bands have to offer.



Kelsey Mayo/Bullet

Local bands like the Hounds gave a great show at Rocktoberfest.

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**KATY PERRY**  
"TEENAGE DREAM"

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# Features

## 'Brothel Rule' Creates Tension

*A Fredericksburg zoning regulation limiting the number of unrelated inhabitants allowed to live together raises concern among students looking for affordable off-campus housing.*

By LAUREN OLSEN  
Staff Writer

"We had to remove any indication that we were living there—I didn't feel like a criminal, but at the same time I felt the urgency to hide from the law."

Harrison Lyman, now a UMW senior, was living in a house with four roommates near campus for nine months before he ran into trouble with city authorities. He and his roommates were in violation of a Fredericksburg zoning regulation with serious penalties, dubbed the "brothel" rule.

In 1985, Fredericksburg lawmakers issued an edict stating that no more than one family or group of more than three unrelated persons could legally occupy a single household. This ordinance, which remains in effect, was originally intended to maintain public health and despite its nickname, has nothing to do with prostitution.

Lyman knew that having more than two roommates was illegal in Fredericksburg, but he wanted to save money and was willing to take the risk. Per semester, he estimated that he saved over \$1,000 by living with four roommates instead of just two roommates.

In March 2010, Lyman's neighbor was discussing parking arrangements with a police officer when the neighbor inadvertently revealed that there were more than three people living in the house next door.

The next day a policeman was at Lyman's front door to discuss the parking situation and hinted that the city coordinator might be stopping by because he was concerned about the number of people living in the house.

"We knew in full what he was talking about and what we had to do," Lyman said, and they quickly made two of their five rooms look unoccupied.

"Everything from my toothbrush to my bed in my room had to be completely removed and rearranged," he said. "For a week I had to sleep [outside] of the house. My mattress had to be stored in one of my roommate's rooms, which was turned into a stor-



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Student rides through College Heights, where many students rent rooms and houses off campus.

age room to make it look like he was not living there [either]."

According to the Fredericksburg's Office of Planning and Community Development website, Lyman could have paid an initial fine of up to \$2,000 for violating this law. Had he not paid on time, the fine could have escalated up to \$7,500.

Fortunately for Lyman and his roommates, the city coordinator never came to check on the house. Nevertheless, Lyman no longer occupies the residence.

UMW Geography Professor and Rappahannock County zoning admin-

istrator John McCarthy said that nearly every jurisdiction with which he is acquainted has some provisions governing what constitutes a 'family' and the number of persons that can reside within a single dwelling. Provinces vary in their regulations, but only slightly. "This is an issue in almost every college community in the country," he explained.

Fredericksburg's zoning ordinance, however, is unique in that violation of it results in a punishment far greater than any of the city's other zoning ordinances. These restrictions limit the supply of affordable housing, but ac-

cording to McCarthy, they are necessary.

"[It's] the same for zoning codes as it is with motor vehicle violations. Without a strict penalty, violations would be common," he said.

In the past few decades the population in Fredericksburg has increased. McCarthy said this is because it's become an increasingly appealing place to live. Its development in combination with UMW's growth and successes has also heightened

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## Ever Feel Tongue Tied?

*The Speaking Center is hosting Octoberfest, a series of speech workshops.*

By ALYSSA DANDREA  
Staff Writer

"The fear of public speaking is more commonly reported than even fear of death," reads a 2010 health.msn.com report on top phobias.

In an effort to assuage these fears and reach out to students, the UMW Speaking Center developed Octoberfest, a month long celebration and promotion of the public speaking services offered at the university.

The Speaking Center, located on the first floor of Combs Hall, is a place where students can practice speeches, debates and presentations in any discipline.

According to student consultant Rachel McGuirk, "[the Speaking Center] gives you the tools and tips to be more confident."

The staff is made up of consultants, all students trained to assist with public speaking, and is headed by Dr. Esther Lee Yook.

Karl Livingston, another consultant at the center said, "the main idea is to get the Speaking Center's name out there. There are people on campus who don't know where it is or that it's student run."

Three different workshops are planned for the month of October as a way to aid students who know little about the Speaking Center or don't want to come in alone.

Each workshop is around an hour long, open to the public and held in Combs 237 with dinner and light snacks provided.

The first one took place on Oct. 6 and was an introductory lesson on the basics of writing and delivering speeches.

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## All Spiced Up

with Danielle Rosenberg

Danielle Rosenberg/Bullet

## Easy Lentil Soup

During the last stretch before fall break, many of us are starting to feel a little uncomfortable financially.

Maybe it's due to the extensive retail therapy required to cope with the stress from midterms, or maybe it's because the modest stipend left from begging complete strangers for tips wasn't enough to cover all the cases of Pabst required to make it through the warm season.

Either way, times are tough and creativity is required to silence that growl emanating from your empty

stomach in the middle of your Introduction to World Religions class. This lentil soup is adapted from a version published on the recipe blog 101 Cookbooks.

I added sherry and many spices because I found it to be a little bland. All in all, this recipe probably costs four bucks and will last 2 or 3 days, depending on how many people eat it and how large their appetites are.

Ingredients  
2 Cups Lentils

1 Tablespoon Olive Oil  
1 Large Onion, diced  
2 teaspoons salt  
3 Tablespoons Dry Sherry  
1 Tablespoon Chili Powder  
1 Teaspoon Ginger  
1 Teaspoon Turmeric  
1 Teaspoon Crushed Red Pepper  
½ Teaspoon Black Pepper  
1 28-ounce can Crushed Tomatoes  
2 Cups Water  
3 Cups Kale or swiss chard, rinsed, stems removed, and chopped  
Greek Yogurt

### Instructions:

Bring six cups of water to a boil, add lentils and let cook about 20 minutes or until lentils are soft. Drain.

In another large pot, heat the olive oil and add the onions. Toss them around to coat the onions evenly and then add the sherry. Let the onions cook in this until slightly tender (be sure to leave some crunch for texture later).

Add the chili powder, ginger, turmeric, crushed red pepper, black

pepper, tomatoes, water and cooked lentils.

Bring this mixture to a simmer, stirring well, and then add the chopped kale or swiss chard. Let this cook for a minute or two and spoon the soup into bowls, topping with a tablespoon or so of Greek Yogurt. (The Greek Yogurt adds a little bit of a tang, and makes it a little bit creamier—balancing out the acidity of the tomatoes.)



# Alumna Granted Funds

By **JOE MILLER**  
Staff Writer

Class of 2010 graduate Farrah Tek is going to Cambodia.

In April, Tek received the Fulbright Scholarship, which is the largest U.S. international exchange program.

The program offers opportunities for students, scholars and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide.

Tek will be heading to Cambodia this month where she will study the effects of victim participation on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia (ECCC).

While earning her degree, Tek spent four years on UMW's policy debate team and participated in the James Farmer Scholars Program, working to familiarize more African-American college students with policy debate.

She was also a member of People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities and of Invisible Children, a non-profit organization dedicated to

ending the civil war in northern Uganda and educating affected children.

In addition, Tek served as a student aide in UMW's American Studies Department and held internships with Genocide Watch, Animators at Law in Alexandria and Minority Rights Group International in London.

*I will definitely come back with wisdom that cannot be acquired in a classroom*

-Farrah Tek

With the Fulbright grant, Tek plans to research the cultural, legal and anthropological impacts of victims on an international criminal court.

The Cambodian government and United Nations created the criminal courts to prosecute leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime, who ruled primarily from 1975-1979. An estimated two million Cambodians lost their lives in the genocide.

"The Fulbright in Cambodia will provide me with educational experiences that I can't even imagine right now. I will definitely come back with more wisdom and knowledge that cannot be acquired in a classroom setting," said Tek.

Tek also has more personal reasons for studying in Cambodia, as that's where her family is from.

"I always wanted to study genocide, specifically Conflict Prevention and Resolution," said Tek. "I had the interest as far back as I can remember, as a little kid who grew up in a household of genocide survivors," said Tek.

Tim O'Donnell, Associate Professor of Communication and Director of Debate, said Tek "was an enthusiastic leader and a dedicated researcher [with] a wonderful academic record that allowed her to achieve such a prestigious scholarship."

When she returns from Cambodia, Tek hopes to become an international attorney with a focus on human rights.

For now, though, Tek wants to leave a mark on Cambodia that would make her family and all of the people she has left behind at UMW proud.



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Recent graduate Farrah Tek at the awards ceremony where she was honored for her Fulbright Scholarship last April.

## Study Abroad in Africa

*On a newly available trip students will learn about apartheid's effects firsthand.*

By **KELLY KNIGHT**  
Staff Writer

Geography professor Donald Rallis understands the importance of studying abroad.

"I learned more from travel than I could ever have learned from college courses," said Rallis, who will be leading a trip in the summer of 2011 to South Africa, where he is from.

From July 31 to Aug. 20, Rallis will accompany UMW students on a three-credit study abroad course. Students will split their time between Johannesburg and Capetown, as well as spend three to four days at the Pilanesberg Game Park.

The Geography Department is sponsoring the trip, but students of all academic disciplines are encouraged to participate.

Students will learn about the geography, history and development of South Africa in a post-apartheid era.

An historian specializing in the history of Johannesburg will guide a walking tour of the city and a park ranger will lead students on a game drive. Additionally, other South

African geography professors will head day trips and give guest lectures.

Rallis stated, "South Africa is still working to overcome apartheid's legacy, but the country is also facing a whole new set of issues and challenges."

These challenges include unequal distribution of income, underdevelopment in rural areas and the influx of large numbers of people from other countries in Africa.

After receiving his undergraduate degree at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, Rallis refused to join the South African military, which was a two-year requirement for all white males, because he saw the military as defenders and enforcers of apartheid.

Growing up, Rallis witnessed the unjust policies that literally divided South Africa firsthand.

"I attended schools which were, by law, reserved for whites only. I lived in a whites-only neighborhood, traveled on buses that were for whites only and swam in whites-only public swimming pools," said Rallis.

Rallis left South Africa to study in

the United States instead of joining the military. He obtained his master's degree and doctorate in geography from the University of Miami and The Pennsylvania State University, respectively.

Rallis took a total of nearly 100 students between 1992 and 1999 to South Africa while heading the Southern African Field Program at UMW.

This particular trip will involve no formal class time, focusing on experiential learning instead.

"The world looks different depending on where you look at it from," said Rallis.

"If you want to have any chance of understanding the world, you need to try as best you can to see the world as others see it."

Applications are available in the International Academic Services office. For more information, visit: [region1geography.org/SouthAfrica](http://region1geography.org/SouthAfrica) or email [drallis@umw.edu](mailto:drallis@umw.edu)



Courtesy of the University of Mary Washington

Geography professor Donald Rallis will be leading students on a month-long study abroad trip to South Africa in summer 2011.

## Law Limits Off-Campus Housing Options

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"town-gown tensions."

According to Fredericksburg's Office of Planning and Community Development's website, the city has lately received an increasing number of complaints concerning overcrowding within households. The website states one of the office's objectives as "healthy surroundings for family life"

within residential areas.

The office describes overcrowding as a threat to public safety as it endangers members of a household by increasing the risk of spreading disease, by endangering the mental health of occupants due to lack of privacy, by restricting play and exercise areas for children, and by increasing fatigue due to more exhaustive household chores.

McCarthy acknowledged that

overcrowding and safety issues relating to fire safety, lack of adequate water and sewage capacity, and conflicts over parking space are some of the principal reasons that regulations like this exist, but he added that dwellings with multiple occupants are perceived to negatively impact property values on housing units.

He explained that one of the main reasons for having zoning regulations is to protect property values. "Gov-

erning bodies are often very sensitive to concerns expressed by neighborhood residents that a given use 'drives down the property values,'" he said.

Though regulations like these limit the city's supply of affordable housing, Raymond Ocel, Fredericksburg's Director of Planning and Community Development and zoning administrator, said that there's no reason for students to worry.

"Approximately two-thirds of residences in [this] city are rental units—I'm sure there is all kinds of housing [in which] people can find accommodations," he said.

But some students, like Lyman, remain unconvinced. "We are college students trying to better our futures," he said. "That's the reason we were packed into that house. We are here for an education—we shouldn't have to be criminals."

## Workshops Provide Public Speaking Tips

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The next one on Oct. 14 will address overcoming speech anxiety and the final workshop on Oct. 21 focuses on how to give a presentation in a foreign language.

Octoberfest also includes a short writing contest about the most memorable speeches students have heard and a t-shirt design contest to find a new logo for the Speaking Center.

"We want to target people from art and graphic design classes too," said McGuirk. "We don't just service the English and language majors."

There will be a scavenger hunt the final week of Octoberfest where contestants will search for numbered cards hidden in academic buildings. Each number corresponds to a prize that can be claimed at the Speaking Center.

Prizes include gift cards to local restaurants and an iPod Shuffle.

Student consultants have put in a lot of hard work to make Octoberfest a memorable and exciting

event, not only for the Speaking Center but for the whole campus.

According to McGuirk, Dr. Yook has been an integral part in planning the activities, forums and competitions planned for October.

"This is a community-building event that will eventually benefit the UMW students in helping them to become more competent communicators," said Yook.

Yook's statement defines the ultimate goal for Octoberfest. The Speaking Center offers its services to the UMW campus for free. The staff wants each and every student to know and take advantage of this fact.

"We are here for all students," McGuirk said, "ESL, theater, English, debate, anyone."

Stacey Peros, another consultant, agrees. "The Speaking Center is one of the friendliest work places I've ever been in," she said. "We're like a family."

For more information about Octoberfest, look for the bright yellow fliers around campus or stop by the Speaking Center.

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### Around Fredericksburg

Vickie Lane Beach, 58, of Stafford was convicted of manslaughter yesterday in Stafford Circuit Court. She pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter-DUI, a felony, and driving under the influence, a misdemeanor. Beach was the driver in a wrong-way crash on Interstate 95 that killed a woman earlier this year. Beach will face up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge and up to 12 months in jail for the misdemeanor charge when she is sentenced on Dec. 6. Beach will remain in jail until the sentencing, and bond was revoked. Beach had consumed alcohol at a restaurant and bar before the crash, prosecutor Andrea McCauley said Tuesday. She said a combination of weather, darkness and intoxication caused Beach to crash. (The *Free Lance-Star*, Oct. 6; [www.fredericksburg.com](http://www.fredericksburg.com))

### Around America

Faisal Shahzad, the man who tried to bomb Times Square on May 1, was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday. Shahzad sparred with the judge and smirked as he was sentenced for his failed attempt to detonate explosives in a Nissan Pathfinder in one of New York's busiest intersections. "We are only Muslims . . . but if you call us terrorists, we are proud terrorists, and we will keep on terrorizing you," he said, adding that "the defeat of the U.S. is imminent." U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum said the mandatory life term was essential to protect the public from future crimes that could be committed by this man and others who might follow him. (The *Washington Post*, Oct. 5; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

### Around the World

Staff Sgt. Robert Miller, 24, was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor, at a White House ceremony yesterday. He battled a force of more than 100 insurgents in Afghanistan so that his fellow soldiers could seek cover from an attack in 2008. Miller's actions, which helped save 22 U.S. and Afghan troops, resulted in his own death. His parents, Phil and Maureen Miller, accepted the award. Miller was the youngest member of his elite Special Forces unit. "Rob endures in the Afghans he trained and befriended," President Obama said during the ceremony. "In valleys and villages half a world away, they remember him as an American who spoke their language, respected their culture and helped them defend their country." (The *Washington Post*, Oct. 6; [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

## New Dean Develops a UMW Honors Program

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already do."

The committee has up until now met to discuss the general aims of the proposed honors program. In the coming months, its newly formed subcommittees will discuss the specifics of applicant requirements, course offerings and increased opportunities for experiential learning.

"We have a broad vision, but an enormous amount of detail to build and fill in," Finkelstein said.

Though the committee has looked at a number of other honors program models from other universities, it does not plan to follow in the footsteps

of any one directly. Instead, it will adapt the most pertinent ideas to best suit UMW.

Rettinger works on the subcommittee in charge of developing the honors curriculum, an area that is still in its fledgling stages. While the courses and co-curricular activities have yet to be formulated, Finkelstein anticipates a number of learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Douglas Searcy, vice president of student affairs and a committee member, will work with other faculty to develop this facet of the honors program.

"Some honors programs use service learning, community service or other co-curricular

components to enhance the classroom rigor," Searcy said.

The incorporation of more service learning, internships and research will provide students with more variety for capstone courses.

The committee, comprised of faculty from a broad range of disciplines, hopes to hold open forums later this semester for outside input on the proposal and plans to put it before the faculty senate in the spring semester.

Any program of this nature is contingent on the response of the Board of Visitors and the university's faculty, according to Finkelstein. It will have to achieve their approval before being implemented.

## President Hurley Supports Higher Tuition Increases

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struggles to avoid falling off a financial cliff, the university is looking towards its reputation as well, with an eye towards the SACS reaccreditation process that has already begun.

In order to maintain everything at its current standard, tuition would need to increase in the first scenario next year, Hurley said.

Any additional progress made with the university's Strategic Plan, which was formed by Hurley to chart the future vision and formation of Mary Washington, would require the higher rates provided in the second scenario.

"This is a great, great institution," he said. "We can't tread water. That's why we're having this conversation."

He put the possible tuition raise in the context of \$8 million in budget cuts, or 35 percent of

UMW's budget, since 2007.

For the 2011-2012 academic year alone, the Commonwealth of Virginia will cut \$2.3 million, according to Hurley, and the federal stimulus money provided by the Obama administration to public colleges and universities for two years will also no longer be available.

Hurley cleared up the misconception among UMW students that the tuition hike is related to the construction of Eagle Village. He said the UMW Foundation funded the project entirely and no funds from UMW were used.

"By state law, tuition can't be used to build buildings," he said.

He defined tuition as the final cost for a student to attend Mary Washington, including tuition, room charges, dining hall plans and comprehensive fees.

The Department of Information Technology and the Office of Purchasing and Central Store-

room have been hit the hardest, according to Hurley. Most university purchasing departments have around five or six employees; UMW has two.

"[The IT department has] something like 12 positions down in that area," he said.

Hurley mentioned a possible scenario where the lack of funding for personnel in these departments would be harmful to the way the university is perceived if the university is ever audited.

If the university is audited, and they find "significant deficiencies in these areas, we will be publicly embarrassed," Hurley said.

Hurley said that his years as the university's chief financial officer have shown him that a tuition raise is the only option left.

"If anyone knows where the fat is in the budget, it would be me," he said. "It's not like we have room in our budget to reduce it any further."

## Admissions Process is Defined as 'Holistic'

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the distribution of scores does fluctuate a bit from year-to-year," he said.

Compared to the freshman class that entered in 2006, all of the statistics of admitted students dropped. According to the class profile from the fall semester of 2006, the mean high school GPA of admitted students was 3.65, 0.8 of a point lower than this year's class profile. Additionally, all SAT categories dropped more than 20 points in their respective means.

Junior Anna Frybarger said if this change continues to grow and becomes a more significant number, she understands how it could put the school's name in danger.

"In a state with so many top schools, I would not like UMW's reputation to change for the worse," Frybarger said.

At UVA, 89 percent of the incoming freshman class had a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher, compared to 36 percent at UMW, according to the College Board.

Similarly, the College Board reported that 78 percent of the incoming freshman class at William and Mary had a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher. Both schools have higher ACT and SAT scores than Mary Washington.

Given this information, UMW's entrance GPA and test scores more closely resemble those of Christopher Newport University than those of UVA or William and Mary.

According to the College Board, 33 percent of students enter CNU with a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher, compared to 36 percent at UMW. The mean of the middle 50 percent of ACT scores show that CNU ranks less than one point lower than UMW.

Additionally, the SAT critical reading scores are 13 points higher at CNU. Math scores are also 35 points higher at CNU. The mean of the middle 50 percent of Longwood University's ACT scores is also only 3.3 points lower than UMW's score, according to the College Board.

Junior Robert Meissner said he was unaware that scores among incoming students declined within the past year and feels that instead of focusing on enrollment quotas, UMW should focus on diversity.

"I don't think that Mary Washington should lower its standards just to maintain enrollment quotas," Meissner said. "What Mary Washington needs to do is pursue more dynamic recruiting for new students. We're in a period of transition and need to rethink how we define our school and market it to prospec-

tive students."

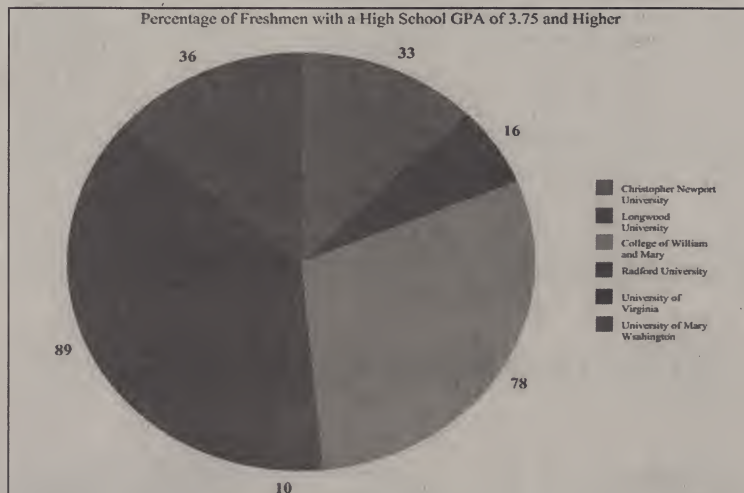
President Hurley agrees and feels that the school is on its way to achieving that goal.

"This year's entering class is very solid in terms of their overall academic background and I have heard many positive comments about the increased diversity within the new class, their spirit of enthusiasm, and their eagerness to get involved and make a difference," he said.

According to the September Board of Visitors' meeting, 20 percent of this year's entering class identified themselves as African-American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino or Native American. This is a seven-point increase from the 2006 figure.

Additionally, 75 percent of the entering class participates in volunteer community service, compared to 57 percent in 2006. Varsity sport participants also increased. This year, 57 percent of the incoming class participated in varsity sports in high school, whereas in 2006, 49 percent participated.

"We are competing for students with some of the best institutions in the country, such as William and Mary and UVA," Hurley said. "But I am very proud of the students who come to UMW, and I expect them to make their mark, not only on campus but in the wider community and in the world."



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## 2007 Jefferson Hall Incident Provokes Statement Change

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promoting and ensuring a safe environment for everyone at UMW.

"The university is moving in a direction where they are generally looking to make the cam-

pus as diverse as possible," said Marion Sanford, director of the Multicultural Center.

Rao said he supports the efforts to make the campus more inclusive.

"We want every group to feel welcome, safe and secure on this campus," Rao said.

The process of changing the Community Values Statement is still underway, according to the UMW website. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Visitors in November.



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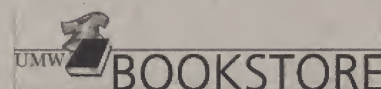
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# Sports

## Women's Soccer Loses 1-0



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Junior goalie Tina Brehm (above) continued her strong season, but the Lady Eagles offense couldn't get on the board as UMW fell 1-0.

By SAMANTHA DANIEL  
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington women's soccer team fell to Salisbury University 1-0 on Saturday, Oct. 3. The loss dropped the Lady Eagles to 6-3-1 on the season and 1-2 in conference play. The two rivals battled until the bitter end, but the Eagles couldn't overcome a stout Sea Gulls defense to score a goal and force overtime.

Salisbury junior midfielder Katie McMahon scored the game's lone goal in the 34th minute. The unassisted strike gave the Sea Gulls a lead that they would not relinquish.

Salisbury controlled the ball and kept up a fierce offensive attack, outshooting UMW in each half and 16-8 overall. The Eagles' offensive opportunities decreased as the game went on, as their shots on goal decreased in the second half, and they didn't get a single corner kick chance after intermission.

Eagles junior goalie Tina Brehm saved eight out of the 16 shots on goal while Salisbury sophomore goalie Melissa Orgera managed to save three of eight shots.

"Tina's been very dependable in goal," senior captain Chrissy Reardon said. "We are very grateful to have her back there."

Brehm has proved to be a valuable commodity for the Eagles, saving 38 shots on goal while only allowing ten goals total for the season.

The loss was nevertheless disappointing for the Eagles. UMW handed Salisbury an upsetting defeat in the 2009 CAC tournament and had hoped to make it two wins in a row. The Eagles are hopeful to bounce back from the loss and enter their next game renewed and reenergized.

"We don't have another in-conference game for two weeks,

so we definitely have time to turn things around," senior Sarah Tryon said. "There are only minor things to tweak, and once we change them, we should be a hard team to beat."

The field hockey team will continue to work on communication and fitness in the weeks leading up to their next conference game. Communication has been focal point for the Eagles, as they have been working hard in the past few weeks to progress in that area.

"As far as communication is concerned, it can always be improved," Tryon said.

The women's soccer team was victorious last night, Oct. 6, over North Carolina Wesleyan College, 5-1. Five different Eagles scored in the game. The team's next game will be a road bout on Saturday, Oct. 9, against Haverford College at 1 p.m. Their next home game will be the following Saturday, Oct. 16, against York College of Pennsylvania at 1 p.m.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior captain Chrissy Reardon (10) is a team leader and will be vital to future success.

## Field Hockey Falls 4-2



Isabelle Marshal/Bullet

By SAMANTHA DANIEL  
Staff Writer

The Mary Washington field hockey team lost their game this past Sunday to Washington and Lee University by a score of 4-2.

The host Generals got out to an early lead when senior Kelly Tran assisted junior Annie Stevenson's goal in the 10th minute to get the scoring underway. In all, four different Generals scored goals.

The Eagles trailed 2-0 at halftime and Washington and Lee added a third goal before UMW got on the board. Senior Heidi Sheehan scored the first UMW goal on a pass from freshman Caitlin Baker in the 51st minute to cut the deficit to 3-1. Baker would later score in the 70th minute to further narrow the Generals' lead to 3-2 but could get no closer.

Despite the loss, the Eagles appreciated a greater victory. Upon arrival, the players were handed a pink ribbon to wear during the game to raise awareness for breast cancer.

"When I was first given the ribbon, I definitely had a great respect for them as soon as I was asked to wear the ribbon, because it's something that's very important to me and the rest of our team," senior captain Kristen Haynor said.

The Eagles are planning on hosting their own Breast Cancer awareness game later in October.

In the mean time the Eagles field hockey team is taking Sunday's loss as a learning experience. Communication and the ability to adapt to different field types will prove to be the area's that need improvement.

"[Communication is] getting better. It's something we've been struggling with, but from what I can hear we've definitely picked it up, especially on a fast-paced game like today it was crucial," senior Emma Jones said.

Aside from a strong Washington and Lee team, the Astroturf appeared to be an additional adversary for the Eagles.

"We didn't play to our full potential. It's right there. All the elements are there but we had a hard time coming into our groove. We needed to adapt quicker to the Astroturf," Haynor said.

At the end of the day, the field hockey team walked away from the loss in a positive state of mind and tried to find things to build on. The team remains confident in their ability, with hopes still high of making it to the NCAA tournament.

"Our team is tighter than ever this year, and we are stacked with talent, although we've had some rough patches I feel like in the end we will do what we set out to accomplish," Haynor said.

The Eagles won their game last night, Oct. 6, over Washington College, 2-1.

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# Sports

## Men's Soccer Knocks Off Tigers 2-1

By **MADALYN CROWELL**  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team defeated Hampden-Sydney College 2-1 on Saturday, Oct. 2, to improve to 7-1-1 for the season. Senior Ryan Taibl led the UMW charge, scoring both goals for the Eagles in the first half.

"It feels great to get the win," Taibl said. "It's also good that we finally started out the game well, because we haven't started a game well this entire year. There are still things we need to work on, so we need to work hard in practice and focus on the No. 1 team in the country, CNU, for Wednesday."

Taibl scored the first goal, unassisted, in the sixth minute of the game and then furthered the Eagles advantage with another goal assisted by senior T.L. Tutor in the 29th minute to bring the score to 2-0. But the Tigers quickly responded, as less than a minute later they countered with a goal of their own

by sophomore Curran Blackwell to once again make it a one-score game.

The Eagles held their own during the second half, and while they were not able to secure another goal to increase their lead, the defense stayed sound to prevent the Tigers from tying the game.

"The second half was a struggle. We weren't able to keep possession, which forced us to defend for the better part of the half," senior Jae Park said.

UMW men's soccer head coach Roy Gordon was happy with the fast start but still sees room for improvement for his team.

"The team started well, jumping out to a 2-0 lead, but [we] had to withstand a furious attempt by Hampden-Sydney to get the tying goal," Gordon said. "We will need to possess the ball a bit better and make some better decisions in our attacking play in order to continue to have success."

Sophomore Matt Pool agreed with his coach that he thinks the team still has areas where they can improve.

"Hampden-Sydney is good offensively and has some key players up top, but all in all I feel that they stacked up pretty well against us and, in some aspects of the game, accomplished things that we didn't," Poole said. "There was a lack of communication and man-marking defensively, which gave them a lot of opportunities to put



Courtesy of Clint Olsen

Senior Ryan Taibl (6) led the men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Hampden-Sydney College. Taibl scored a pair of goals in the win, giving him four now on the season.

the ball in the back of the net, but lucky for us they struggled scoring."

The Eagles felt that they got what they expected from Hampden-Sydney and weren't surprised by anything tactically.

"We've been training to play against teams that play the same formation as HSC, so the preparation going into the game wasn't too different then it has been," Park said. "We felt very well prepared for HSC. We played them twice last year and most of their play-

ers were returning players, so we were well aware of their strengths and weaknesses."

Junior Robby Davis expressed his gratitude for the fans that came out to support the men's soccer team Saturday.

"We have had a rambunctious, enthusiastic and entertaining crowd at every game, and we wouldn't want it any other way at the Battleground," Davis said.

The Eagles are about to enter the rigors of conference play, and coach Gor-

don and the team are prepping for the difficult schedule ahead.

"After Wednesday's match-up against Christopher Newport, which right now is one of the top Division III teams in the nation, the Eagles will have six consecutive, tough conference match-ups," Gordon said.

The Eagles fell to No. 1 CNU last night, Oct. 6, 1-0.

The men's soccer team is at home again this Saturday, Oct. 9, as they take on Frostburg State University at 2 p.m.

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- Head Coach Roy Gordon

## Swim Teams Place 5th in Potomac Relays



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The UMW men's and women's swim teams faced off against all Division I competition at the Potomac Valley Relays, yet managed a fifth place finish.

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This past Friday, the UMW men's and women's swimming teams competed at the Potomac Valley Relays, hosted by American University, in Washington, D.C. Both teams finished the meet in fifth place. Mary Washington was the only non-Division I school in attendance, as they went up against George Mason, Georgetown, Howard,

American, Towson and George Washington University.

After training for less than a month under the direction of new head coach Abby Brethauer, the teams were eager to see what kind of level they were at. With accomplishments such as 12 time All-American honors and coaching experience at a list of schools, most recently Colombia University, Brethauer has a lot she brings to the pool.

"Abby has made an amazing transition into her new position. She is always positive and very easy to talk to," junior Allie Beckenstein said.

Without a doubt, coach Brethauer's communication has been recognized by team members as one of her best traits.

"While it was hard for many of us to adapt to a new leader, she has made it exceptionally easier by treating us all as adults and individuals. She listens to us and helps the practices fit each of our needs," Beckenstein said.

The men's 200-yard medley relay was a great result for the Eagles, as the UMW team comprised of senior Stephen Clendenin and juniors Austin Clark, Billy Norfolk and Brian O'Donnell claimed a second place finish with a time of 1:37.63. The UMW 300-yard butterfly relay team also did very well, finishing third with a time of 2:42.47. The relay consisted of Norfolk, Clendenin and senior Ian McCormick.

Meanwhile, during the women's races, notable performances came from the 300 yard breaststroke relay. The

team consisting of freshmen Kristin Callahan, sophomore Cameron Figuers and junior Megan DeSmit took fifth place with 3:35.29. The 1000 yard freestyle relay team, made up of senior Missy Kobiela and sophomore Lindsay Ancellotti, also took fifth place with a time of 11:24.12.

Going into the official CAC season, both teams are eager about the new crop of enthusiastic freshmen and goals which have been set. In addition to capturing an 11th straight CAC title, the squads see themselves being among the best in the country.

"This team is capable of being ranked top-5 in the nation again on both sides and sending multiple participants to the NCAA [nationals]," said senior Josh Rhodes.

"The team is capable of exceptional things and we want to break



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By **ZACH MORETTI**  
Staff Writer

### Fantasy Football Corner

**Start Em** QB- Eli Manning (Giants) RB- Ray Rice (Ravens) RB- Michael Bush (Raiders) WR- Mark Clayton (Rams) WR- Steve Smith (Giants) TE- Greg Olsen (Bears) K- Jason Hanson (Lions) DEF- New Orleans Saints

**Sit Em** QB- Kyle Orton (Broncos) RB- Ryan Mathews (Chargers) RB- Felix Jones (Cowboys) WR- Randy Moss (Vikings) WR- Terrell Owens (Bengals) TE- Todd Heap (Ravens) K- David Akers (Eagles) DEF- Tennessee Titans

**Add Em** QB- Sam Bradford (Rams) RB- Marshawn Lynch (Seahawks) RB- Fred Jackson (Bills) WR- Brandon Tate (Patriots) WR- Mike Williams (Buccaneers) TE- Jeremy Shockey (Saints) K- John Carney (Saints) DEF- Atlanta Falcons

Last Week: 8-8  
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